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WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Plaintiff,

V.

LOUIS BATISTA,

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. C04-5413RBL

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AND GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND HIS COMPLAINT

This matter is before Court on the Report and Recommendation of Judge Karen L. Strombom, United States Magistrate Judge, and upon the Plaintiff's Motion to amend his complaint to remedy at least one of the deficiencies in his Complaint, as outlined in the R&R. The court has read the complaint and the Report, and is familiar with the remaining record. Therefore, the court does hereby find and ORDER:

- (1) The Court ADOPTS the Report and Recommendation;
- (2) Plaintiff's claims against the named defendants are DISMISSED; and
- (3) Plaintiff's Motion to Amend his Complaint to name Sergent Rorher, the principal actor in the events which are the subject of his complaint, is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall file an amended complaint naming Sargent Rorher within 20 days of the date of this Order, or the Plaintiff's current complaint will be dismissed without further notice. The new Complaint shall not include the defendants who are dismissed in this Order.

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- (4) The current trial date and pretrial schedule are VACATED. The court will issue a new scheduling order and a new trial date, after the amended complaint is filed.
- (5) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to plaintiff's counsel, defendant's counsel and Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom.

DATED this 19th day of April, 2003.

RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE